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Received a long cable from Miss Schukraft this morning saying Tommy has improved somewhat, although one side is paralyzed, and there is hope of a slow recovery. How wonderful it would be if he can weather this attack and make a recovery that would leave his faculties unimpaired.

Another day like yesterday, spring-like temperature, the air soft but humid.

I answered a letter from Al Gruenther in which he was far too flattering about my work abroad, but which I deeply appreciated.

Cleaned up a lot of other correspondence, hung pictures, cogitated over farming problems, babbled with the enchanting children, hunted non-existent rabbits with Bru and Carlos, and thought I was in an earthly Paradise. At intervals, read George Saintsbury's essays on French Literature. Only wish the French were as sound politically as they are literarily.

Foster telephoned me this morning to ask if I had evolved any ideas helpful to the French ratification situation. I answered in the negative, and remain opposed to any move by the U. S. Government, which would be construed and resented in Paris as attempted foreign interference.

Tonight we heard on the radio the discouraging report that the final vote in Paris has been postponed until tomorrow.

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